

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION

Early Voting, Election Day
& Emergency Voting Plans

MARCH 2020



MARICOPA COUNTY
Elections Department



December 11, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Maricopa County Elections Department



MISSION

The mission of the Maricopa County Elections Department is to provide Maricopa County voters with accessible, reliable, secure, transparent, and efficient election services to build public confidence and trust in the election process.



VISION

Our vision is to promote a culture of service, continuous improvement, accountability, collaboration, and integrity in every action, strategy, objective, and election process.



Elections Department Responsibilities

Director Election Day & Emergency Voting (Scott Jarrett)

Shared

Director of Election Services & Early Voting (Rey Valenzuela)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruitment & training of poll workers, central boards, and temporary staff• Warehouse & Logistics• Election Day operations• Emergency Voting operations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ballot preparation• Tabulation• Transition from Early Voting to Election Day• Election Department Communications• Candidate Filings | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniform and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting• Special Election Boards• Signature Verification• Early Ballot Processing• Provisional ballot processing |
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EARLY VOTING PLAN

Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes

Approved December 9, 2019



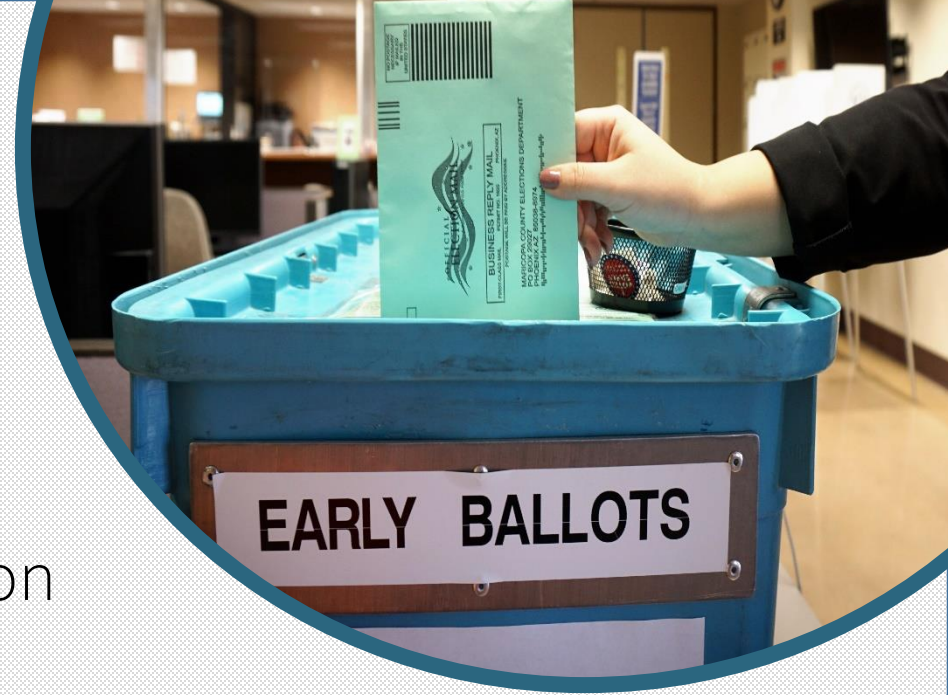
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Early Voting Plan

This plan, in conjunction with the Election Day plan, outlines the strategies and processes that staff will use to provide for accessible voter registration and Early Voting for the Presidential Preference Election.

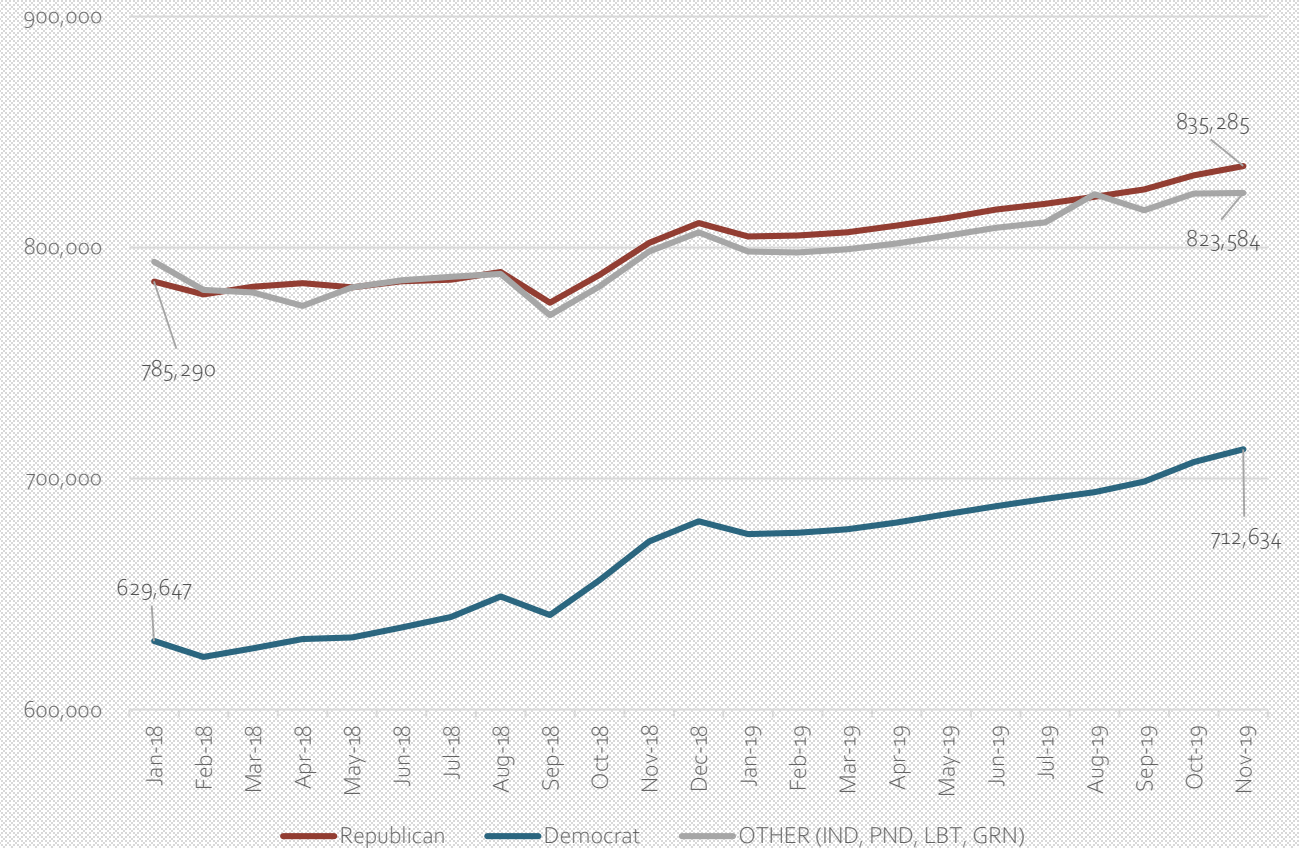
- Voter Registration
- Early Voting
- Voter Registration Clerk
- Communication & Community Outreach
- Risk Management & Contingency Plans



Voter Registration & Eligible Voters

- Registration Deadline: 2/18/2020
- Pursuant to A.R.S. 16-241, only voters who are members of a participating political party
- Only **registered Democrats are eligible** Republican and Libertarian parties have opted out of Arizona's Presidential Preference Election.
- Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL)
 - 72% of all active voters
 - 79% of all active Democrats

Voter Registration Increases by Party



Democratic Presidential Preference Election

| Key Election Dates | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| December 9, 2019 | Candidate Filing Deadline |
| December 11, 2019 | The Board Approves the Election Day and Emergency Voting Plan |
| January 17, 2020 | Launch “Where Do I Vote” Webpage |
| February 1, 2020 | Mail ballots to uniformed and overseas voters |
| February 18, 2020 | Voter Registration Deadline (28 days in advance of election due to President’s Day Holiday) |
| February 19 – March 13 | Early Voting Period |
| March 11, 2020 | Recommended Date to Return Ballot By Mail |
| March 14 & March 16 | Emergency Voting |
| March 17, 2020 | Election Day |



Early Voting

- New ID Law for In-Person Early Voting
- 40 Vote Centers – Opening Schedule
 - Nine Vote Centers open: 2/19/2020
 - All 40 Vote Centers open: 3/9/2020 – 3/13/2020
 - Vote Centers transition to Emergency Voting (3/14/2020) and Election Day voting (3/17/2020).
- Special Programs
 - Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting ACT
 - Special Election Boards



Personalized Voter Dashboard

Coming
January
2020!

This new page, set to launch in January 2020, is connected directly to our voter database and will allow Maricopa County voters the ability to login and quickly find everything a voter needs to #BeBallotReady from voter registration status to polling locations all in a customized dashboard.

BeBallotReady.Vote





ELECTION DAY & EMERGENCY VOTING PLAN

Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

Pending Approved December 11, 2019



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Election Day & Emergency Voting Plan

The plan is intended to ensure the Department provides voters with a safe, reliable, secure, and accessible election and in-person voting options.

- Voter turnout and Wait-time Reduction Plan
- Communications Plan
- Staffing Plan
- Training Plan
- Facilities and Logistics Plan
- Central Count and Tabulation Plans
- Risk Management & Contingency Plans
- Election Plan Costs



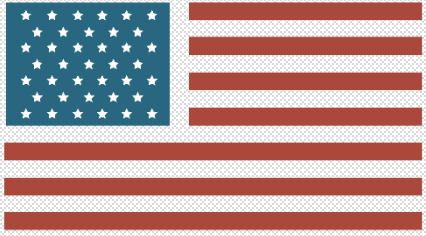
Turnout Forecast

- Three Forecast Models
 - Last two Presidential Preference Elections
 - Most recent similar elections (March 2016, August 2016, August 2018)
 - In-person voters
- Forecasting Turnout helps us:
 - Determine resource needs
 - Implement wait-time reduction strategies

| Forecast Model Item | 2012 Republicans | 2016 Republicans & Democrats | 2020 Democrats (Estimated Range*) |
|--|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Active Registered Voters | 755,837 | 1,453,854 | 724,000 – 739,000 |
| Turnout Percentage (Active Voters Only) | 44.4% | 46.8% | 45 - 59% |
| Total Turnout | 312,110 | 621,624 | 337,000 – 429,000 |
| Election Day - Eligible Voters Only | 63,821 | 88,123 | 58,000 – 81,000 |
| Election Day - Provisionals | 12,267 | 24,630 | 18,000 – 39,000 |
| Election Day Turnout (Election Day & Provisionals) | 76,088 | 112,763 | 76,000 – 108,000 |

*Estimated range is was developed for planning purposes only.





Presidential Preference Election Differences

2016

- Long lines
- 60 Vote Centers
- 120 check-in stations
(2 per site)
- Democrats & Republicans

2020

- Plan to keep wait-time under 30 minutes
- 219 polling locations and Vote Centers
- 1,400 check-in stations
(6 per site)
- Adding line management and voter registration clerks

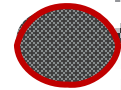


New Tabulation Equipment!

- Replaces 1996 Equipment
 - Optical vs Digital Scan
- Count votes faster
 - 3,000 vs 6,000 – 8,000
- Maintains & improves security
- New ballot style: Voters will now fill in ovals rather than arrows

New Ballot Style

Option 1



Option 2



Option 3



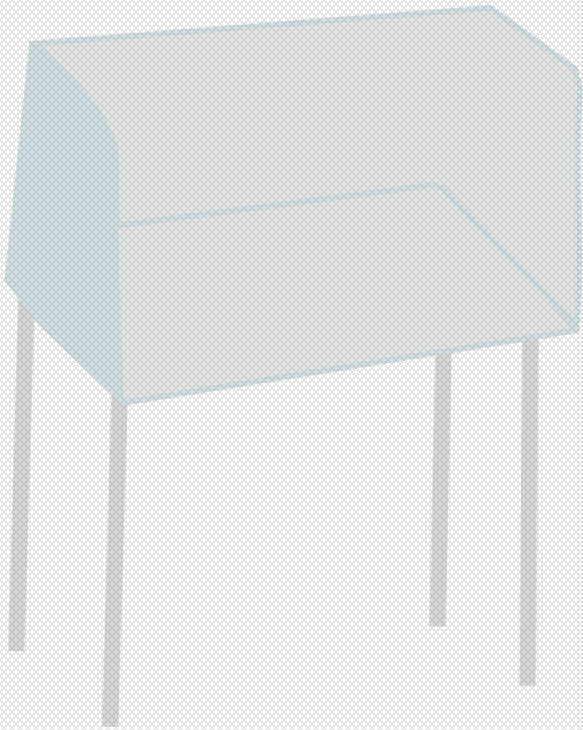
219 Voting Locations

We've increased the number of Election Day polling places to 219, up from 60 during the 2016 Presidential Preference Election. This includes 40 "vote anywhere" locations, called Vote Centers.

- Locations will be confirmed in mid-January and posted on our website:
Locations.Maricopa.Vote
- We will have seven poll workers at each location
- We perform inspections to determine compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act
- Setup Teams will include County Employees



Poll Worker Recruitment & Training



1,500 We will hire and train over 1,500 Poll Workers to support Election Day and Early Voting.

75 All Poll Workers will be required to attend one of 75 election role-based trainings offered across the County.

2 We are creating 2 new positions to support efficient in-person voting – a Line Management Clerk and a Voter Registration Clerk.



Emergency Voting

“Emergency” - any unforeseen circumstance that would prevent the voter from voting at the polls on Election Day. Eligible voters who experience an emergency between 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election and 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the election may vote at an emergency voting center.

- ✓ Seven Emergency Voting Centers
- ✓ Open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday March 14 & Monday March 16
- ✓ The voter is required to sign a statement that they are experiencing an emergency
A.R.S. § 16-411(B)(5)



Questions?

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